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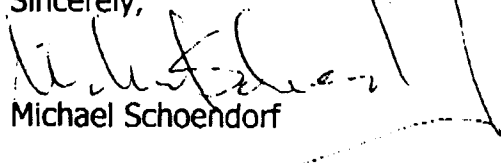
Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am writing to let your office know that I support the settlement reached in the Microsoft antitrust case. As a former software writer, I know firsthand what great technological leaps Microsoft has been able to make, leaps that everyone has benefited from. Thanks to the company's ability to standardize the use of personal computers, consumers pay less and get more out of their purchase.

I believe that there is enough competition in the marketplace, and that Microsoft's concessions in the settlement will only increase consumers' freedom of choice, as well as other manufacturers' ability to develop programs that are compatible with Windows.

The American way is all about the pursuit of success, and Microsoft has simply done better than most at succeeding. They have done so because they make good products and continue to lead the way in technical innovation. Do not punish them further for that--please settle the antitrust case without further delay.

Sincerely,


Michael Schoendorf